
HOUSE BILL No. 1566

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-13-16.5.

Synopsis: Minority and women's business enterprises. Expands the definition of "minority business enterprise" to include nonprofit corporations. Requires that the statistical analysis required of the governor's commission on minority and women's business enterprises must: (1) use criteria for participation of minority business enterprises established in *Richmond v. Croson*; (2) include information on both contracts and subcontracts; and (3) use data based on the combined capacity of minority businesses in Indiana and not just regional data. Requires the commission to conduct an analysis during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Requires a contractor whose offer designated minority or women's business enterprises to furnish any supplies or perform any work under the contract awarded by a state agency to the contractor to: (1) notify in writing each minority and women's owned business enterprise designated in the contractor's offer that the contractor has been awarded the contract; and (2) give copies of each notification to the state agency that awarded the contract. Provides for remedies if the contractor fails to satisfy these requirements. Requires the department of administration to adopt rules to resolve grievances arising under the minority and women's owned business enterprise statute.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-13-16.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. ~~As used~~ **(a) The**
3 **definitions in this section apply throughout** this chapter.

4 **(b)** "Commission" refers to the governor's commission on minority
5 and women's business enterprises established under section 2 of this
6 chapter.

7 **(c)** "Commissioner" refers to the deputy commissioner for minority
8 and women's business enterprises of the department.

9 **(d)** "Contract" means any contract awarded by a state agency for
10 construction projects or the procurement of goods or services,
11 including professional services.

12 **(e)** "Department" refers to the Indiana department of administration
13 established by IC 4-13-1-2.

14 **(f)** "Minority business enterprise" or "minority business" means an
15 individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or joint
16 venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by one (1) or more
17 persons who are:

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(1) United States citizens; and

(2) members of a minority group.

(g) "Owned and controlled" means **the following:**

(1) If the business is a nonprofit corporation, a majority of the board of directors.

(2) If the business is a business other than a nonprofit corporation, having:

~~(1)~~ **(A)** ownership of at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the enterprise, including corporate stock of a corporation;

~~(2)~~ **(B)** control over the management and active in the day-to-day operations of the business; and

~~(3)~~ **(C)** an interest in the capital, assets, and profits and losses of the business proportionate to the percentage of ownership.

(h) "Minority group" means:

(1) Blacks;

(2) American Indians;

(3) Hispanics;

(4) Asian Americans; and

(5) other similar minority groups, as defined by 13 CFR 124.103.

(i) "Separate body corporate and politic" refers to an entity established by the general assembly as a body corporate and politic.

(j) "State agency" refers to any authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality of the executive, including the administrative, department of state government.

(k) "State educational institution" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-0.5-1.

SECTION 2. IC 4-13-16.5-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.4-2005, SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2. (a) There is established a governor's commission on minority and women's business enterprises. The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) A governor's designee, who shall serve as chairman of the commission.

(2) The commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.

(3) The chairperson of the board of the Indiana economic development corporation or the chairperson's designee.

(4) The commissioner of the department.

(5) Nine (9) individuals with demonstrated capabilities in business and industry, especially minority and women's business enterprises, appointed by the governor from the following geographical areas of the state:

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- 1 (A) Three (3) from the northern one-third (1/3) of the state.
 2 (B) Three (3) from the central one-third (1/3) of the state.
 3 (C) Three (3) from the southern one-third (1/3) of the state.
 4 (6) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, no more
 5 than one (1) from the same political party, appointed by the
 6 speaker of the house of representatives to serve in a nonvoting
 7 advisory capacity.
 8 (7) Two (2) members of the senate, no more than one (1) from the
 9 same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of
 10 the senate to serve in a nonvoting advisory capacity.
 11 Not more than six (6) of the ten (10) members appointed or designated
 12 by the governor may be of the same political party. Appointed members
 13 of the commission shall serve four (4) year terms. A vacancy occurs if
 14 a legislative member leaves office for any reason. Any vacancy on the
 15 commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
 16 appointment.
 17 (b) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee is
 18 entitled to the following:
 19 (1) The minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).
 20 (2) Reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses
 21 actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as
 22 provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and in the state travel policies and
 23 procedures established by the Indiana department of
 24 administration and approved by the budget agency.
 25 (c) Each legislative member of the commission is entitled to receive
 26 the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances established by the
 27 legislative council and paid to members of the general assembly
 28 serving on interim study committees. The allowances specified in this
 29 subsection shall be paid by the legislative services agency from the
 30 amounts appropriated for that purpose.
 31 (d) A member of the commission who is a state employee but who
 32 is not a member of the general assembly is not entitled to any of the
 33 following:
 34 (1) The minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).
 35 (2) Reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
 36 IC 4-13-1-4.
 37 (3) Other expenses actually incurred in connection with the
 38 member's duties.
 39 (e) The commission shall meet at least four (4) times each year and
 40 at other times as the chairman considers necessary.
 41 (f) The duties of the commission shall include but not be limited to
 42 the following:

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(1) Identify minority and women's business enterprises in the state.

(2) Assess the needs of minority and women's business enterprises.

(3) Initiate aggressive programs to assist minority and women's business enterprises in obtaining state contracts.

(4) Give special publicity to procurement, bidding, and qualifying procedures.

(5) Include minority and women's business enterprises on solicitation mailing lists.

(6) Define the duties, goals, and objectives of the deputy commissioner of the department as created under this chapter to assure compliance by all state agencies, separate bodies corporate and politic, and state educational institutions with state and federal legislation and policy concerning the awarding of contracts to minority and women's business enterprises.

(7) Establish annual goals:

(A) for the use of minority and women's business enterprises; and

(B) derived from a statistical analysis of utilization study of state contracts that are required to be updated every five (5) years.

(8) Prepare a review of the commission and the various affected departments of government to be submitted to the governor and the legislative council on March 1 and October 1 of each year, evaluating progress made in the areas defined in this subsection.

(9) Ensure that the statistical analysis required under this section:

(A) is based on goals for participation of minority business enterprises established in *Richmond v. Croson*, 488 U.S. 469 (1989);

(B) includes information on both contracts and subcontracts; and

(C) uses data on the combined capacity of minority and women's businesses enterprises in Indiana and not just regional data.

(g) The department shall adopt rules of ethics under IC 4-22-2 for commission members other than commission members appointed under subsection (a)(6) or (a)(7).

(h) The department shall furnish administrative support and staff as is necessary for the effective operation of the commission.

SECTION 3. IC 4-13-16.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 8. (a) This section applies to a contractor whose offer designated minority businesses or women's business enterprises to furnish any supplies or perform any work under the contract awarded to the contractor.**

(b) As used in this section, "contract" refers to any of the following:

- (1) A contract for the purchase of supplies by a state agency.**
- (2) A contract for the performance of services for a state agency.**
- (3) A public works contract (as defined in IC 4-13.6-1-14).**
- (4) A contract to perform professional services (as defined in IC 4-13.6-1-11) in connection with a public works contract.**

(c) As used in this section, "contractor" refers to a person awarded a contract by a state agency.

(d) As used in this section, "offer" means a response to a solicitation. The term includes a bid, proposal, and quote.

(e) As used in this section, "solicitation" means the procedure by which a state agency invites persons to submit an offer to enter into a contract with the state agency. The term includes an invitation for bids, a request for proposals, and a request for quotes.

(f) Before beginning work on a contract, a contractor shall do the following:

- (1) Notify in writing each minority business and women's business enterprise designated in the contractor's offer that the contractor has been awarded the contract.**
- (2) Give copies of each notification to the state agency that awarded the contract.**

(g) If a contractor fails to comply with subsection (f), the awarding state agency may consider the failure a breach of contract and do any of the following:

- (1) Cancel the contract.**
- (2) Collect from the contractor all funds paid to the contractor under the contract.**
- (3) Exercise any of the state's rights set out in the contract.**
- (4) Use the failure as a basis for finding the contractor not responsible when awarding other contracts.**

SECTION 4. IC 4-13-16.5-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 9. (a) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish procedures to resolve grievances arising**

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under this chapter.

(b) The rules may include informal procedures to resolve grievances.

(c) The procedures established under the rules must provide for final resolution of grievances before either of the following:

(1) A panel of three (3) commission members. A panel formed under this subdivision must consist of at least two (2) commission members described in section 2(a)(5) of this chapter.

(2) The commission. However, if the commission acts to resolve a grievance under this subdivision, members of the commission described in section 2(a)(6) or 2(a)(7) may not participate in the proceeding.

(d) Final resolution of grievances arising under this chapter are subject to IC 4-21.5.

SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) Notwithstanding the provisions in IC 4-13-16.5-2, as amended by this act, requiring that statistical analysis of the use of minority and women's business enterprises must be updated every five (5) years, the commission on minority and women's business enterprises shall:

(1) conduct; or

(2) enter into a contract for;

the statistical analysis of the use of minority and women's business enterprises during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008.

(b) The criteria for the analysis in IC 4-13-16.5-2, as amended by this act, must be used for the statistical analysis required under this SECTION.

(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2008.

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